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1. The most prominent men in the field of medicine were teaching at the University of Cincinnati [redacted] [redacted]

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2. One was Prof [Xnu] Rakovitsa, who did extensive research in biology. He received his education at the Sorbonne, France. He was tall, about 6 ft, weighed 200 pounds, wore dark glasses and had white hair. He was about 80 years old as of 1940. In 1929 he retired from Cluj University and was on pension.
3. He was replaced by Prof [Xnu] Dejeanella, a French national who also did extensive research in biology. He studied the life of cave dwelling animals and travelled throughout Rumania. He also did some research in Spain. He was small, about 5 ft 5 inches in height.
4. Prof [Xnu] Nitescu, specialized in physiology and did extensive research in endocrinology. He was educated in France. He was about 60 years old in 1940. He was of slight built, about 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighed 140 pounds. He was married and had sparse dark-greyish hair.
5. In 1932 he transferred to the medical school in Bucharest. His predecessor at Bucharest was Prof [Xnu] Parhon who was known internationally for his work in endocrinology. Parhon retired in 1932.
6. Prof [Xnu] Popoviciu replaced Nitescu at Cluj University. He was about 55 years old in 1940 and he specialized in physiology.
7. Prof [Xnu] Batigamu, specialized in internal medicine. He was very famous in Rumania. He received his education in France, Germany, and Budapest. He was about 70 years old in 1940, about 5 feet 9 1/2 in tall, weighed 180 pounds, and wore glasses. He also played an important role in Rumanian politics.

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21. It was obligatory in Rumania for all children to be vaccinated against chicken pox, typhoid fever, and tetanus. It was the responsibility of each district or county physician to enforce all hygiene precautions in his area.
22. Before 1940 many people in Rumania suffered from syphilis. There were more cases of this type in rural areas and villages than in the cities due to a shortage of medical personnel.
23. In 1940 the Minister of Health in order to combat this disease ordered the people to have medical check-ups, introduced tests in the obstetrical departments in hospitals and made it compulsory for all couples to have a Wasserman test before marriage. Before 1940 this was ignored by the people.
24. The government, also in 1940, imported vast amounts of Neosalvarsan from Germany and France to be used as a medication for this disease. Other methods used were bismuth, iodine or mercuric, but these were not considered guaranteed cures.
25. [redacted] many of the professors from Cluj University were removed for being anti-Communist.

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